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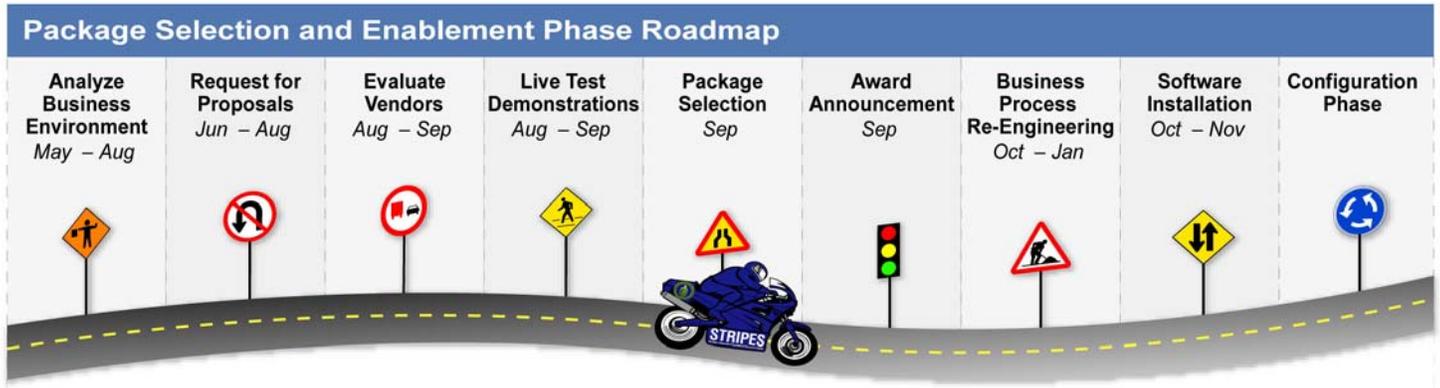
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Live Test Demonstrations Completed

Live Test Demonstrations were completed on August 18 and provided an opportunity for procurement and financial assistance subject matter experts from across DOE to see each of the top software vendors in action. Based on the results of the Live Test Demonstrations and a comprehensive review of the total cost of ownership, IBM formulated a recommendation for the STRIPES software solution and submitted the recommendation to STRIPES project management for concurrence. The next step is for IBM to finalize the subcontract terms with the recommended vendor and obtain DOE consent to the subcontract. A critical action for the project will be obtaining the concurrence of the I-MANAGE Executive Steering Committee (ESC), which consists of executives from the Program Offices and is chaired jointly by the CFO and CIO. Once concurrence is obtained from the ESC, a public announcement will be forthcoming.



Connecting the Dots ...

Momentum continues to grow as one success builds upon another. The accomplishments of the following milestones provide a solid foundation for completing this phase.

- ANALYZE THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT – Verified and documented inventory of known procurement systems within DOE to include system architecture and infrastructure, data structure, system owner, transaction volumes, data retention parameters, and other information as necessary
- REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – Provided acquisition and financial assistance enterprise application software providers with sufficient information to prepare a comprehensive application solution response for IBM consideration
- EVALUATE VENDORS – Defined and documented the measurement criteria used in evaluating alternative solutions to the DOE defined business requirements. Creation of the STRIPES Decision Model provided a structure for summarizing the opinions and interpretations of the selection team

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- **LIVE TEST DEMONSTRATIONS** – Vendors demonstrated their product’s ability to meet DOE defined mandatory and value added requirements

But we’re not done yet. In recounting recent accomplishments, we can see a partial picture of the Package Selection and Enablement Phase. The following tasks represent the remaining action items for completing this phase:

- Install and configure the selected commercial-off-the-shelf software package
- Analyze identified gaps, quantify potential impacts, and develop workarounds, technical, or business process alternatives to close the gaps, including possible software reconfiguration options
- Identify, assess and inventory required internal and external system interfaces to be developed
- Review existing reports within the STRIPES software, then identify, evaluate, and inventory additional reports to be developed
- Analyze and define system acceptance test criteria and draft Cyber Security Plan

What’s New?

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Technical Area**
 - Conducted Live Test Demonstrations
 - Completed evaluator rankings of technical requirements for final selection
 - Held initial planning meetings with Application Hosting Environment (AHE) for schedule coordination once solution selection is completed
 - Developed a schedule of technical activities required to complete this phase
- **Functional Area**
 - Conducted Live Test Demonstrations
 - Completed evaluator rankings of functional and technical requirements for final selections
 - Completed cost evaluation of proposals
 - Summarized evaluation results for final selection
 - Delivered Current Business Environment document and GMLoB draft assessment to DOE management for review and comments

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Technical Area**
 - Completion of the technical schedule and coordination efforts with AHE
 - Begin hosting environment design
- **Functional Area**
 - IBM anticipates a final selection in September with DOE concurrence
 - Final decision by DOE management on Financial Assistance / GMLoB
 - Preparation of management presentation for the GMLoB

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